



ED. NELSON IS NAMED PRESIDENT

Over 600 Women Attend First Session of Cooking School

Over six hundred women attended the first session of the Torrance Herald-Safeway Stores Cooking School in the Woman's Clubhouse Wednesday and unanimously pronounced the affair a huge success.

A still larger crowd was assembling for today's sessions and it is predicted that all attendance records will be broken at the first session Friday afternoon. However, several hundred additional seats have been provided and it is anticipated that everyone who arrives not later than 2 o'clock will be seated.

Mrs. Mary Vonderhage, on behalf of the Torrance Herald, welcomed the guests at the opening session and presented Mr. Hoffman, district manager of Safeway Stores. Mr. Hoffman introduced Miss B. Edna Galvin, the home economist from the Safeway Homemakers' Bureau, who is in charge of the cooking school.

Following the interesting two-hour program given by Miss Galvin, a number of gifts were distributed, including twelve large baskets of groceries and the delightful cookery dishes which Miss Galvin had prepared. Among those who received gifts were: Mrs. A. Donette, Mrs. N. O. Bowersox, Mrs. H. Sowell, Mrs. J. E. West, Mrs. C. Ericson, Mrs. Ed. Little, Mrs. Ed. Mueller, Mrs. F. C. Winkler, Mrs. A. M. Lewis, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. C. F. Fiesel, Mrs. Elsie Smith, Mrs. L. E. Murphy, Mrs. H. E. Hesse, Mrs. G. F. Kaufmann, Mrs. Velma Jarrett and Mrs. Ellen Brown.

Gifts Every Day

Miss Galvin announced that an equal or greater number of gifts will be presented today. Friday will be the banner day for gifts, as a number of choice cuts of meat will be presented to those attending as well as the usual gifts of groceries and baked goods.

Doors at the Woman's Clubhouse will be open at 1 p. m. and the classes will begin promptly at 2 p. m.

DEININGER IS MADE CASHIER AT FIRST NAT.

New Appointments Made Following Resignation of Bank Officer

The board of directors of the First National Bank of Torrance announced the appointment of R. J. Deininger to the position of cashier, succeeding E. C. Nelson, resigned. The board also promoted Walter Schlick to the position of assistant cashier, taking over the duties of Mr. Nelson.

Mr. Deininger has been associated with the bank for the past ten years and Mr. Schlick has been with the institution for the past eight years. They are both thoroughly familiar with the bank's business and policies, having served in its various departments.

Mr. Nelson severed his affiliation with the bank effective March 1 when he accepted a position as president and general manager of the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company. In commenting upon Mr. Nelson's resignation, J. W. Post, the bank's president, said in behalf of the board of directors:

"We naturally regret the resignation of Mr. Nelson, as he has served this institution loyally and capably. However, we feel that his new position with the water company offers him greater opportunities and we wish him abundant success in his new field of endeavor."

County Ready to Start Work On Sepulveda Blvd.

Large Number of Local Men to Be Employed on Project Very Soon

The county is ready to proceed with the improvement of Sepulveda boulevard through Torrance, according to City Engineer Leonard, following the acceptance by the city council Tuesday night of a deed from Charles H. Quandt for right-of-way thru the latter's holdings in Waleria. By the terms of the deed, the city agrees to pay Mr. Quandt a sum not to exceed \$100 for moving pipe lines now located on the Sepulveda right-of-way.

This is the last piece of land involved in the proposed extension of Sepulveda boulevard thru Torrance. Commitments or deeds have been received from all other land owners, and county officials are now ready to go ahead with the improvement, the city engineer informed the council Tuesday night.

The county has agreed to employ Torrance residents almost exclusively on this work and a large number of the city's unemployed are expected to get work through this project.

LOCAL PLANTS PREPARE FOR NEW ACTIVITY

Produce Packers Plan to Start Operations Within Next Few Weeks

J. A. Stay, shed foreman for the Walter M. Sharp produce packing company, is at the warehouse south of the International-Stagey plant on Carson street, making preparations for re-opening the plant next week when shipments of cauliflower and celery will begin. The Sharp company has a large acreage in this territory under contract, principally planted to celery which is shipped to eastern markets. Some acreage will be planted to tomatoes, which, according to Mr. Stay, will be disposed of in the local markets, as the character of the fruit makes it impracticable to ship long distances.

Local help is employed at this plant, some 15 or 20 men, unless the market conditions require a washed celery pack, when the force will be greatly increased.

Ordinarily no washing is done, unless a premium of 25 or 30 cents above the regular market can be obtained which would make the additional labor profitable.

Celery is beginning to roll from this territory, the American Fruit Growers of Los Angeles shipping out between 15 and 20 carloads the first of this week.

"At the local plant of the California Produce Company, located on 213th street, no operations are being carried on at present. This plant will start about April 1 when the new lettuce crop will be ready for picking. The heavy rains of the past two months damaged the winter crop by splashing with mud to the extent that it could not be used for the eastern markets and had to be disposed of locally. The California Produce Company has 250 acres under contract in this vicinity which crop is expected will be in condition for shipping in about a month."

Promotion Tax Question Will Be Submitted

Council Votes to Leave Five or Ten-Cent Settlement to Voters

Voters at the April election will be given the choice of repealing outright the present ten-cent promotion tax or of reducing it to five cents, according to action taken Tuesday night by the Torrance city council.

The Wright petition for outright repeal contains 588 valid signatures and the petition circulated by the American Legion emergency committee asking for a reduction of the tax from ten to five cents contained 405 valid signatures, according to City Clerk Bartlett.

The Wright petition was not prepared in accordance with the 1932 State Legislative Act, according to City Attorney Donald Findley, but he advised the city council that if the council saw fit, it could initiate an ordinance embodying the repeal provision and submit it to the electorate at the April election.

The petition circulated by the American Legion was correct in form, the city attorney ruled, and both ordinances were introduced Tuesday night. Both the Wright repeal and the American Legion amended ordinance will appear on a special ballot and submitted to voters at the general municipal election April 11.

Should both ordinances receive a majority of the vote cast for them, the one which receives the largest number of "Yes" votes will be declared to have carried, according to the state law.

LOCAL MAN ACCEPTS POST AS HEAD OF WATER BOARD

Resigns as Councilman and Bank Cashier to Take On Management of Public Utility

The appointment of Ed C. Nelson, former city councilman and cashier of the First National Bank of Torrance, to the post of president and general manager of the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company has just been made public through an announcement made by the Associated Public Utilities Corporation, owners of the Torrance utility.

The announcement comes as a surprise to the community as no inkling of the intentions of the company to establish a local board of directors here and been permitted to escape.

On the confirming of his appointment Mr. Nelson immediately resigned his posts as councilman and bank cashier and assumed his duties as of March 1. As president and general manager he will have complete authority to make such improvements as are deemed necessary, and will devote his entire time and energies to building up the water, light and power system of the local plant.

In a statement made yesterday, he said:

"While I was a member of the City Council, an offer was presented to that body to purchase the Torrance Water, Light and Power plant, but the city council and representatives of the company could not come to an agreement as to price. Since then, the bondholders of the Associated Public Utilities Corporation, who were dissatisfied with conditions in Torrance because of complaints regarding the water service, and the agitation which brought unfavorable criticism of the local plant, have succeeded in bringing about a change of policy which places the plant under home management and direction."

"Torrance, as a member of the Metropolitan Water District, must have a distributing system before it can take water from Boulder Dam. The city has voted a bond issue for the building of a local water system, but there has been long litigation as to the validity of the bonds. The case has been decided in favor of the city in the Superior Courts, but an appeal was taken to the Supreme Court."

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NELSON STEPS OUT OF CITY COUNCIL JOB

Resignation as Member Is Handed to the Board Tuesday Night

At a meeting of the city council held Tuesday evening, City Councilman Ed Nelson presented his resignation as a member of that body to take effect immediately.

Mr. Nelson has accepted the post of president and general manager of the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company and will enter upon his duties at once. Mr. Nelson's letter to the council follows:

To the Honorable Board of Trustees,
City of Torrance,
Los Angeles County,
California.
Gentlemen, and Fellow Members:

Owing to a recent business agreement, under which I have

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Little Girl Is Lost In Fields

Found Wandering South of Torrance After Hours of Search

Little Rosa Yuasa, aged seven, was so anxious to get home after school Tuesday that she couldn't wait for the school bus. Rosa's classes were over shortly after one o'clock, and as it had been her first day at the Torrance elementary school she had a number of interesting things to tell her family, and a lot of business to attend to in inspecting her new home to which the Yuasas had just moved.

So when the teacher was elsewhere engaged, Rosa ran out of the hallway and undertook to find her way to the corner of Western and Ocean avenues all alone.

When her disappearance was noted an hour later, the police were requested to look for her. Sergeant John Stroh scoured the territory south of town but failed to locate the child. Later her parents reported to the department that they had found her wandering about the oil fields far from home.

Program Planned for Benefit of Lomita Relief

Men's Brotherhood Entertains at Guild Hall On Monday Evening

The unusual spectacle of a couple being married and suing for a divorce in the same evening was presented at Central Evangelical Guild hall Monday evening when the Men's Brotherhood entertained with a mock wedding and a court room scene. Judge C. T. Rippey presided over the court and found a verdict for the defendant at the conclusion.

Attorneys were Sergeant John Stroh, acting for the plaintiff, Mrs. D. A. McCormick, and J. M. Allen, representing D. A. McCormick, the defendant. Plaintiff charged cruelty and desertion and exhibited a "shiner" and numerous bruises which Dr. N. A. Leake, the attending medical expert witness, pronounced could be cured with liberal application of soap and water.

Susi, enacted by Laila P. Bowen, and Buddie, by Rev. O. D. Wander, were the irrepressible children of the warring pair who threw several large-sized monkey wrenches into the court machinery and had to be attended to by the court hallier, Chick Curtiss. Numerous witnesses for both sides were sworn by Carleton B. Bell, and Exhibits A, B, clear down to Z, were introduced. The closing argument of Attorney Allen was a masterpiece, resulting in a victory for his client and the discomfiture of his opponent who was deprived of his fees and reprimanded by the court for undertaking what turned out to be sort of a shady affair.

The large crowd which filled the court room was highly entertained during the entire show.

Program Planned for Benefit of Lomita Relief

Large Crowd Enjoys Mock Court Scene

LOMITA—Mrs. Wheeler Newman is chairman of arrangements for a benefit program to be given on behalf of the Lomita Community Relief, at Narbonne high school Friday evening, March 4. Two one-act plays will be given, directed by Robert Hume of San Pedro. The first, "Ever Young," will be enacted by Sally Wheaton, Fanny Diner, Dorothy March and Mrs. Stella Burnham. The second, "Modesty," has as its cast, Constance Fry, Robert Hume and Robert Muncie.

Other features of the program will be a reading by Miss Dorothy Hall; violin solo, Harry Hall, accompanied by Dorothea Ansen; cornet solo, Charles Eade; piano accompaniment, Mark Francis.

Admission to the affair will be by donation of groceries and other food stuffs.

Supreme Court Decides Against DeKalb Spurlin

The State Supreme Court decided Monday that Arthur M. Loeb is not entitled to more than \$25,000 compensatory damages from DeKalb Spurlin and H. J. Kimmerle for the loss of an eye and a broken nose in a fight growing out of factional differences between stockholders of the defunct Julian Petroleum Corporation in 1927.

A Los Angeles jury awarded Loeb \$294,800 actual and \$50,000 compensatory damages against Spurlin and Kimmerle. This decision was reversed later in the Appellate Court, but this week when the case was decided in the State Supreme Court, this higher court reversed the Appellate Court, decision and cut the compensatory damages to \$25,000.

Congress to Economize On New Building

Construction of Federal Building in Torrance Further Delayed

Torrance among 72 cities of the state of California will not see the construction of its new federal building until after the next session of Congress, according to advices from Washington. In a statement from Ferry K. Heath, assistant secretary of the treasury, to William A. Newman, district federal engineer of San Francisco, it was brought out that the financial condition of the treasury would not permit the proposal of any public building legislation at the present session of Congress. Approximately \$19,850,000 in construction work in the 72 cities will be held up.

Projects where building is postponed include the \$10,000,000 post-office at Los Angeles, marine hospital at San Diego, postoffices at Pasadena, Riverside, Santa Monica, Santa Barbara and many other smaller cities including Wilmington, Huntington Park, Inglewood and Redondo.

Construction work for which appropriations have already been made will proceed, the new San Pedro postoffice being one of the jobs now under way.

Keystone Asks Drainage of Shallow Lake

Chamber of Commerce Petitions Supervisors to Free the District of Mosquito Menace

W. Rufus Page, president of the Harbor District Chamber of Commerce, was the principal speaker at a pot luck dinner and business meeting of the Keystone Chamber of Commerce, held at Boosters hall on South Main street, Saturday evening.

An excellent dinner was served to 125 guests, but the ladies in charge had prepared so lavishly for the group that a considerable quantity of food was left over which was distributed among the needy families of the district.

President Charles A. Bazzee called attention at this meeting to the report published in a metropolitan newspaper recently to the effect that Keystone contemplated annexation to Los Angeles and asked for comment. Apparently no one present favored the move, but numerous expressions of dissent were heard and the matter was dropped.

A resolution was adopted asking the county road department and board of supervisors to take action to drain the immense shallow lake which has formed between Vermont and Normandie avenues, due to the season's heavy rainfall, which threatens to be an even greater nuisance than it now is when this summer it will become the breeding place of innumerable mosquitoes.

Keystone Asks Drainage of Shallow Lake

"Is a Charter Necessary?" Asks Local High School Principal

Editor's Note: Some time ago the HERALD requested Prof. Wood and a number of others whom it believed did not favor the City Charter to present their views thru this paper. The HERALD has always welcomed expressions of opinion on civic affairs, whether it agrees editorially with the thoughts expressed or not. The first of Mr. Wood's articles is given below. Other citizens are invited to contribute articles if they see fit, but of course, the HERALD assumes no responsibility for the facts presented, nor does it necessarily concur in the opinions expressed.

Is a Charter Necessary?

"The writer of this article has been approached by a number of people and requested to prepare a statement justifying his stand as a member of the board of freeholders in declining to sign the proposed charter for the City of Torrance.

"The writer does not wish to appear antagonistic to the welfare of Torrance but on the contrary has always had and still has the very best interests of the City at heart.

"The original reason for considering a charter at all was to enable Torrance to better control possible future annexations to the City, which in itself was a reasonable and proper objective. Other possible improvements in the City government were considered and included, some of which would without question be of benefit to the City both economically and politically.

"The Board of Freeholders agreed unanimously early in their work, that no change would be made in the management of the schools. They felt that nothing would be gained in the efficiency and standards of the school system although some money might be saved if it were locally administered. An investigation of the law revealed however, that if a Charter were adopted by Torrance the City would of necessity be required to manage its own schools whether it wished to or not. This condition has therefore thrown the schools into a place of too much prominence in the consideration of the charter. In a later article the writer will discuss the school situation as affected by the proposed charter.

"The matter of salaries of public officials was discussed at length by the Freeholders with the result that the charter provided for a salary of \$1200 a year for the Mayor and \$10.00 per meeting for Councilmen. These officials should be paid for their work but the city government will be just that much more expensive. Salaries of all other officials and employees are in the hands of the Council and are not specified as to amount in the charter.

"The proposed charter includes a series of compromises by which the best judgment of the Board

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IMPORTANT POINTS of the CITY CHARTER

By JUDGE C. T. RIPPY
Chairman of Board of Freeholders

(Second article in a series dealing with salient points of proposed charter.)

TAXES, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND BONDS UNDER PROPOSED CHARTER

There is no question engaging the public attention more today than that of limiting and reducing taxes, special assessments and bonded indebtedness, unless it be the question of limiting and curtailing the power of authorities who might impose or create such taxes, assessments and indebtedness. There is a widespread demand among property owners generally that their taxes be cut and that no further special assessments be levied against their real property without their consent. With our incomes stopped or seriously impaired, relief from burdensome taxes and assessments must be had. Even today, such a demand is making itself felt in the City of Torrance to such an extent that petitions are being circulated to reduce taxes by FIVE CENTS on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation. The demand for this relief of five cents has gone so far as to engage the attention of at least one thousand electors in the city. If the reduction of taxes by FIVE CENTS can engage the public attention to that extent, what should the public demand be for a reduction of taxes by at least EIGHT TIMES FIVE CENTS? That this can be done through the operation of the pro-

posed charter, unless delinquencies in taxes become unprecedented, I will undertake to demonstrate in this article. All that any one can ask is that the electors in considering this latter question be guided by two things, namely, THE FACTS, and their own BEST INTERESTS.

WHAT WOULD IT MEAN TO REDUCE TAXES IN TORRANCE BY AT LEAST FORTY CENTS on each \$100.00 assessed valuation? By way of illustration, it should be pointed out that such a reduction would: (1) Defray 60% of the cost of operating the city government of Torrance for one year, including 3 cents voted for the Metropolitan Water District; (2) Defray all of our District Electric Maintenance Tax; (3) Defray practically all that we now pay on elementary and high school bonds; (4) Pay our library taxes for eight years; (5) Wipe out our present city indebtedness in one year; or (6) Defray the cost of advertising and promoting the city under the charter for eight years.

The provisions in the proposed charter to which I refer to above are those relating to the system of municipal taxes, special funds and the board of education, and the limitations of the powers of the city council over taxes, special assessments and bonded indebtedness. The special funds include: "Special Assessment" Fund for

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Legion Calls Group to Study Relief of Unemployment

A call sent out by the Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170 of the American Legion to heads of industry service clubs, the Chamber of Commerce and others in Torrance, to meet and discuss means of combating the unemployment situation in this city, resulted in gathering a large group at the Chamber of Commerce rooms this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

As the meeting is in session at press time, a report of the proceedings will be delayed until next week.

No Extra Charges For Street Lights During Daylight

Don't feel sorry for yourself, Mr. Taxpayer, when you see street lights burning before it is dark and after dark, because the city pays a flat rate per lamp, per month. This point was brought out Tuesday night at the city council meeting when O. A. Leathman asked why street lights were allowed to burn during daylight hours. The city pays \$1.08 per lamp for service up to midnight and \$1.58 per lamp for all-night lights, according to City Engineer Leonard. The city engineer stated, however, that he was investigating the possible economies that might be affected by putting the street lights, on meters.

First Jury Trial to Be Held Soon

Arthur Pizer, who gave his place of residence as the El Prado court, was arrested on charges of disturbing the peace on February 22. At his hearing on Tuesday he pled not guilty and demanded a jury trial. The case was set for March 11 and will be heard in Judge Dennis' new court room by Police Judge C. T. Rippey.

On Wednesday A. E. Williams, giving his address as 2412 Grand Canal, Venice, was arrested here on charges of possession and being drunk. His hearing was set for today.

Water Co. Trial Comes Up April 15

Action on the city's water suit to validate the \$400,000 bond issue for a municipal water system is not expected until about April 15. City Attorney Findley told the city council Tuesday night. Water company representatives have until March 19 to file briefs and it is not likely that the case will come to trial until April 15, Findley said.

Kelsey Would Put Painters to Work

"Why not re-paint the street light standards and put some men to work?" asked L. B. Kelsey of the city council Tuesday night. Kelsey stated that he had noticed a number of the posts were beginning to rust and he thought it would be advisable to re-paint them. The matter was referred to committee.

Newsboy Crew Is Ordered Out

A circulation man and crew of newsboys representing a metropolitan newspaper were rounded up by the Torrance police Thursday morning and ordered to get out and stay out of town. Alleged misrepresentations of the contents of the "extra" were the basis of the action.

To Ask Extension of Time Limit On Street Crossings

City Engineer Leonard was instructed to ask for an extension of time from the State Railroad Commission for the construction of crossings at El Prado and Border, as well as a number of other crossings.

The city council acted on a suggestion made by officials of the Pacific Electric Railway Company, stating that the present permit would soon expire.

EXHIBIT TO HONOR EDISON PHILADELPHIA. (U.P.)

Memorial services for Thomas Edison will be held as part of the Third International Patent Exposition in the Municipal Convention